2023 Urban Archeology Corps – Petersburg National Battlefield

Program Description

Petersburg National Battlefield is announcing the first year of its Urban Archeology Corps (UAC) youth internship program. The Urban Archeology Corps internship is a paid 7-week summer program for youth between the ages of 17-22 years old. A partnership between Petersburg National Battlefield and Historicorps, the program will continue the ongoing archeology and engagement at the Enslaved Field Laborers site.

Using historical archeological methods such as excavation, ethnography, oral history, and the examination of the historical record participants create interpretive products using various media to connect their communities to the stories they uncover.

In doing this, the program will provide:

- Hands-on archeology, leadership, inter-personnel skills, project management and technical training opportunities.
- Sessions with professionals in history related fields
- Visits to relevant historic sites
- Attendance at week-long archeology field school.

Program Duration: June 20th- August 5th

Goals

The purpose of the UAC is 1. Using archeology as a vehicle for civic engagement and park stewardship and 2. Providing leadership, practical work experience, and training opportunities for young adults pursuing environmental and conservation careers.

To meet these goals the basic parts of UAC program include:

- A small team of diverse youth.
- A stipend-paid work experience.
- Interdisciplinary projects that meet the needs of the park and the community.
- Interactions with park staff across all its divisions.
- Outreach opportunities to the local communities.
- Creating interpretive media based on research to present to public.

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Application

Job Requirements

Applicant:

- Has own transportation to and from park.
- Is able to do outdoor work.
- Can perform basic computer skills.
- Can work well as part of a team.

Job Description

Job requires:

- Being on time and prepared for work.
- Performing outdoor physical labor.
- Able to attend the Montpelier archeology field school in Charlottesville, VA
 - o July 9th-12th, all housing and meals expenses paid by the program

Contact

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Position Questions

Submit answers on a separate page

- 1. Why are you interested in this opportunity? What do you hope to get out of this program?
- 2. Describe a historic location that you visited that impacted you. Why did it impact you?
- 3. What strengths do you bring to this program?
- 4. Have you ever been on a team (in sports, in class, or at work)? If so what have you learned from the experience?
- 5. Describe your relationship to farming and/or gardening?
- 6. How did you find out about this program?
- 7. List any activities (school, volunteer work, church, etc.) that you have participated in that relate to this position.

Personal Information

Last Name First Name MI

Address City: State

Zip

Cell Phone Home Phone Email

References

Name Phone number Email

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Education

School attending: Major and Minor: Grade or Year of School: